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Commissioner Shreve to Host Drug Awareness Education & Prescription Drug Collection Event

(Frederick County, MD, April 10, 2014) – Commissioner Billy Shreve of the Frederick Board of County Commissioners will host an informational drug awareness meeting on Wednesday, April 23, 2014. This event, which will also be a prescription drug collection event, will be held at Oakdale High School, 5850 Eaglehead Drive, Ijamsville, Md.

Drug paraphernalia and information on drug awareness programs will be in the school lobby beginning at 6:30 p.m. The formal program will begin at 7:00 p.m. The Sheriff's Office Drug Task Force and Frederick County drug and mental health professionals will be on hand to answer questions and to educate the public about community resources that are available.

The goal of this event is to educate parents; however, students are welcome and encouraged to attend. Commissioner Shreve noted, "Parents should leave the seminar with a better understanding of today's drugs and paraphernalia, the signs their children may be using drugs and who to call if they need help."

The previous Drug Awareness and Prescription Drug Collection Event was held on March 19th at Brunswick High School. Over 11 pounds of prescription drugs were collected at this event by Sheriff's deputies. "We were pleased to have collected prescription drugs at this event. One of the easiest ways to fight drug abuse is to get expired prescriptions and ones that are no longer needed out of your house," said Sheriff Chuck Jenkins. "We hope to collect even more at the next Drug Awareness Event on April 23rd."

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Frederick County now offers four locations to deposit expired or no longer needed prescription medications. The Frederick County Health Department announced the addition of the fourth drug drop box location at the Middletown Municipal Center, 31 West Main Street in Middletown. The other three locations include the Frederick Law Enforcement Center, 110 Airport Drive East in Frederick, the Brunswick Police Department, 20 East A Street in Brunswick, and the Thurmont Police Department at 800 East Main Street in Thurmont.

For immediate assistance, citizens are encouraged to call the 24-hour Crisis and Intervention Hot Line by dialing 211 or the Frederick County Health Department at 301-600-1029.

For more information, visit www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/drugawareness or contact Commissioner Billy Shreve at 301-600-1100 or Billy@FrederickCountyMD.gov.

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